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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present patent document is the U.S. counterpart of WO 03/060218, and claims priority of French Application number 02/00468 filed on January 16, 2002, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please delete the original Abstract on page 15, lines 1-9 in its entirety and insert therefor the following substitute Abstract on a new sheet:

## ABSTRACT

A fibrous structure, especially made of glass, including at least one layer of randomly distributed continuous strands and at least one reinforcing fabric layer, such as a chopped strand layer. The various layers of the structure are linked together by a mechanical mechanism, such as stitching or needle punching, and/or a chemical mechanism, such as a binder. This structure may be produced continuously or in a batch process, and has good permeability and good deformability when used to produce a composite.